



General Assembly

February Session, 2000

Raised Bill No. 22

LCO No. 355

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

An Act Concerning Certification Of Telecommunications Providers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 16-247g of the general
2 statutes, as amended by section 11 of public act 99-222, is repealed and
3 the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a)(1) Any person may apply to the department for an initial
5 certificate of public convenience and necessity to offer and provide
6 intrastate telecommunications services. Such application shall include
7 such information as the department shall require, and any reasonable
8 fees, not to exceed actual cost, the department may prescribe, in
9 regulations adopted pursuant to chapter 54. The department may issue
10 such certificate and may, as a precondition to certification, require any
11 applicant to procure a performance bond sufficient to cover moneys
12 due or to become due to other telecommunications companies for the
13 provision of access to local telecommunications networks, to protect
14 any advances or deposits it may collect from its customers if the
15 department does not order that such advances or deposits be held in
16 escrow or trust, and to otherwise protect customers. Following receipt

17 of such application, the department may [approve or deny the
18 application after holding a hearing with notice to all interested parties]
19 hold a hearing with notice to all interested parties or, upon request of
20 any party, shall hold a hearing with notice to all interested parties, and
21 shall approve or deny the application.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide the Department of Public Utility Control with the option of conducting a public hearing to certify prospective telecommunications service providers requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]